

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 14 and 20-24; and

Please cancel claims 16-19 without prejudice or disclaimer.

1. (Previously Presented) A method, comprising:

including floor status information of a data communication media in relation to a party of a communication session in a message carrying data communication media information for the communication session;

sending the message from a communication system to a user equipment; and

generating the message in accordance with a session description protocol.

2. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the including of the floor status information comprises including the floor status information in an offer for the communication session.

3. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 2, further comprising:

including an indication that a floor is taken in the offer.

4. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed claim 1, wherein the including of the floor status information comprises including the floor status information in an answer to an offer for the communication session.

5. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 4, further comprising:

including an indication that a floor is granted in the answer.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

carrying the message in accordance with a session initiation protocol.

8. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

sending a request for a push-to-talk service session.

9. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed claim 1, further comprising:

sending the message over an internet protocol multimedia subsystem.

10. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

sending the message over a general packet radio service network.

11. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

providing the communication session using a packet data protocol context.

12. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sending of the message comprises sending a message from an application server operatively connected to the communication system.

13. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 12, wherein the sending of the message comprises sending a message from a push-to-talk over cellular server.

14. (Currently Amended) A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium encoded with instructions which perform the following: comprising a program code configured to control a processor to execute a process, the process comprising:

including floor status information of a data communication media in relation to a party of a communication session in a message carrying data communication media information for the communication session;

sending the message from a communication system to a user equipment; and

generating the message in accordance with a session description protocol.

15. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:

a data network configured to provide data communication resources;

an application server configured to connect to the data communication network, wherein the application server is configured to include floor status information of a data communication media in relation to a party of a communication session in a message carrying data communication media information for the communication session and to send the message to a user equipment via the data network; and

a ~~generator~~ processor configured to generate the message in accordance with a session description protocol.

16-19. (Canceled).

20. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

~~an including unit~~ processor configured to include floor status information of a data communication media in relation to a party of a communication session in a message carrying data communication media information for the communication session;

wherein the processor is ~~a sending unit~~ configured to send the message to a user equipment via a data network; and ~~a generator~~ configured to generate the message in accordance with a session description protocol.

21. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 20, further comprising:

a push-to-talk service application server.

22. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 20, further comprising:

~~a connecting unit~~ wherein the processor is configured to connect to an internet protocol multimedia subsystem.

23. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 20, wherein the ~~apparatus~~ processor includes ~~includes~~ is configured to include the floor status information in at least one of an offer for the communication session or an answer to the offer for the communication session.

24. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:

a node configured to transmit or receive a message describing a communication session, wherein the message carries data communication media information for the communication session and floor status information of a data communication media in relation to a party of the communication session; and

a ~~generator~~ processor configured to generate the message in accordance with a session description protocol.

25. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 24, wherein the message is correlated to a session description protocol.

26. (Previously Presented) A system, comprising:

including means for including floor status information of a data communication media in relation to a party of a communication session in a message carrying data communication media information for the communication session;

sending means for sending the message from a communication system to a user equipment; and

generating means for generating the message in accordance with a session description protocol.

27. (Previously Presented) A system, comprising:

data network means for providing data communication resources;

application server means for connecting to the data communication network, wherein the application server means includes floor status information of a data communication media in relation to a party of a communication session in a message carrying data communication media information for the communication session and sends the message to a user equipment via the data network; and

generating means for generating the message in accordance with a session description protocol.

28. (Previously Presented) An apparatus, comprising:

including means for including floor status information of a data communication media in relation to a party of a communication session in a message carrying data communication media information for the communication session;

sending means for sending the message to a user equipment via a data network;
and

generating means for generating the message in accordance with a session description protocol.